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SUBJECT: PEKING'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO NIAMEY: HSIEH KO-HSI

1. NCNA ON MARCH 4 REPORTED THE DEPARTURE FOR NIAMEY THAT SAME DAY OF THE PRC'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO NIGER, HSIEH KO-HSI (6200/0344/6007). THE NEWS ITEM MARKS THE FIRST REPORT OF HSIEH'S ACTIVITIES SINCE DECEMBER 1965 WHEN HE RETURNED TO CHINA AT THE COMPLETION OF HIS FIRST OVERSEAS POSTING AS AMBASSADOR TO CEYLON.

2. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING HSIEH'S EARLY LIFE AND BACKGROUND. ACCORDING TO CONGEN FILES, HSIEH WAS ACTIVE IN THE 1950'S IN KIANGSU PROVINCIAL AND TRADE UNION AFFAIRS. IN MAY 1953, HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE 7TH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ALL CHINA FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (ACFTU). IN DECEMBER 1957, HE SERVED ON THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND WAS ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PRESIDUM OF THE 8TH ACFTU. HSIEH BECAME A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY KIANGSU PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE IN JULY 1956 AND IN APRIL 1958 WAS IDENTIFIED AS A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE. IN OCTOBER 1959, HE PARTICIPATED IN

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A NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE OF MODEL WORKERS FROM THE FIELDS OF

INDUSTRY, COMMUNICATIONS, CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION, FINANCE AND
TRADE. NAMED AMBASSADOR TO CEYLON IN AUGUST 1962, HE AR-
RIVED THERE THE FOLLOWING MONTH ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, HSIEH
(CHANG) JEN (6200/1728/7282).

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING ANY ADDITION-
AL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE.
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